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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a 5 month extension of time to respond to the November 6, 2001 Notification of Missing Requirements in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before June 6, 2002. A check in the amount of \$980.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), is enclosed herewith.

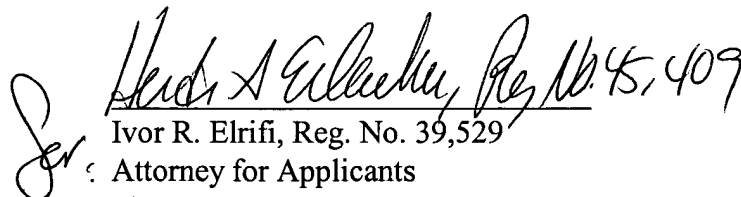
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